



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

POLLINATOR WEEK

WHEREAS: Pollinator species such as birds and insects are essential to the pollination and fertilization process, and are important partners of farmers and ranchers that produce much of our food supply; and

WHEREAS: Pollination plays a vital role in ensuring the health of Georgia's forests and grasslands, which provide forage, fish, wildlife, timber, water, mineral resources, and recreational opportunities and contribute to the economic development of local communities across the state; and

WHEREAS: Pollinator species provide significant environmental benefits that are necessary for maintaining healthy, diverse ecosystems; and

WHEREAS: Georgia has managed wildlife habitats and public lands such as state forests and grasslands for decades; and

WHEREAS: Georgia continues to provide producers with conservation assistance to promote wise environmental stewardship, including the protection and maintenance of pollinators and their habitats in working and wild lands; now

THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim June 19–25, 2017, as POLLINATOR WEEK in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 17th day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand seventeen.



Nathan Deal

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Chris W. Riley

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